GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:248
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2000
PRODUCTION OF L.P.G.
SANJAY PASWAN

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil Coordination Committee has instructed the refining companies to go in for the mandatory production of LPG to meet its domestic demand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all refineries have recently reduced their production drastically;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether there is a large difference in the prices of the petroleum products between India and the neighbouring countries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, country-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS(a) to (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No.248 TO ANSWERED ON 13.3.2000 REGARDING PRODUCTION OF L.P.G.

(a) : No, Sir.
(b) : Does not arise.
(c) : Crude processing in the public sector refineries during the period, April 1999 to February 2000 is more than original estimates. However crude processing in Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd.(MRPL), Manglore and Reliance Petroleum Ltd.(RPL), Jamnagar is lower than original estimates.
(d): Crude processing at MRPL, Manglore is lower than original estimates due to equipment failures and also shutdown taken by the refinery to carry out certain modifications. Crude processing at RPL, Jamnagar is lower than original estimates due to delayed start up and stabilisation of their units.
(d) and (f): The differences in prices of petroleum products between India and neighbouring countries varies from product to product. The prices of major petroleum products in India and that of the neighbouring countries collected by the Oil Coordination Committee as on 01-03-2000 are as under:-

Country	Kerosene (Rs./Lit)	Diesel (Rs./Lit)	LPG (Rs./Kg.)	Petrol (Rs./lit)
India	2.67	14.04 (Delhi)	10.68	25.94
Bangladesh	11.04	11.04	17.19	17.91
Sri Lanka	9.15	11.41	16.68	29.70
Pakistan	9.46	9.67	15.95	24.37